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# St. Croix County Agricultural Statistics and Trends

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# St. Croix County ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in Wisconsin for total value of ag products in 2012 census of agriculture

## State Highlights

5<sup>th</sup> turkey production

9<sup>th</sup> corn grain

10<sup>th</sup> oats

14<sup>th</sup> soybeans

19<sup>th</sup> nursery & greenhouse

26<sup>th</sup> milk production

## National Highlights

Overall: 485<sup>th</sup> of 3,077 counties (top 16%)

Dairy: 114<sup>th</sup> of 2,038 counties (top 6%)

Oats: 51<sup>st</sup> of 1,825 counties (top 3%)

# Wisconsin's top 10 counties for value of ag production

Wisconsin's top 10, 2012 Census of Agriculture	Population, 2010 U.S. Census
<b>Dane</b>	<b>488,073</b>
<b>Fond du Lac</b>	<b>101,633</b>
Grant	51,208
Clark	34,690
<b>Marathon</b>	<b>134,063</b>
<b>Dodge</b>	<b>88,759</b>
Manitowoc	81,442
Barron	45,870
<b>Brown</b>	<b>248,007</b>
<b>Outagamie</b>	<b>176,695</b>
St. Croix (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	84,345

# St. Croix County ag impact report

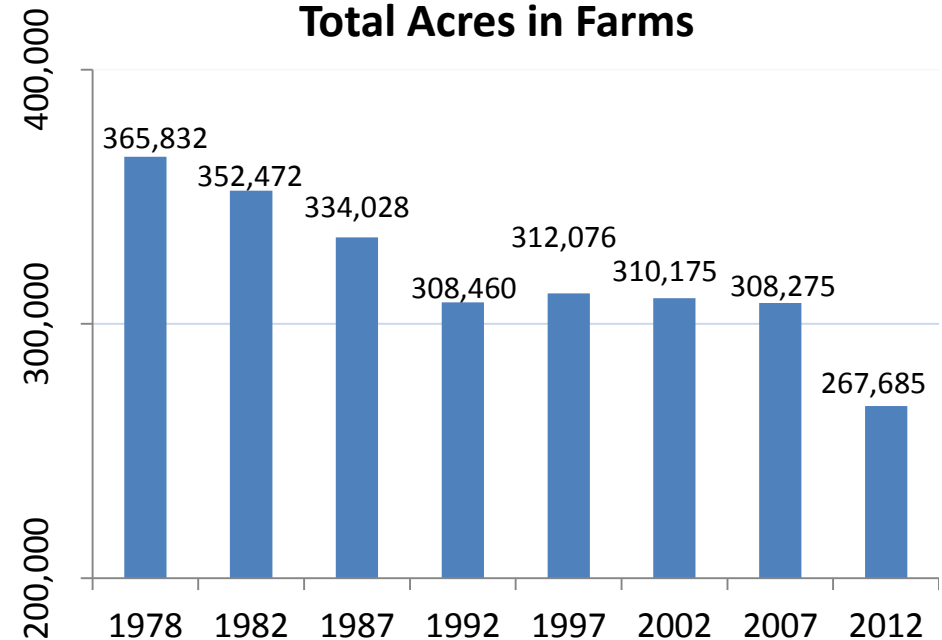
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## **Agriculture accounts for:**

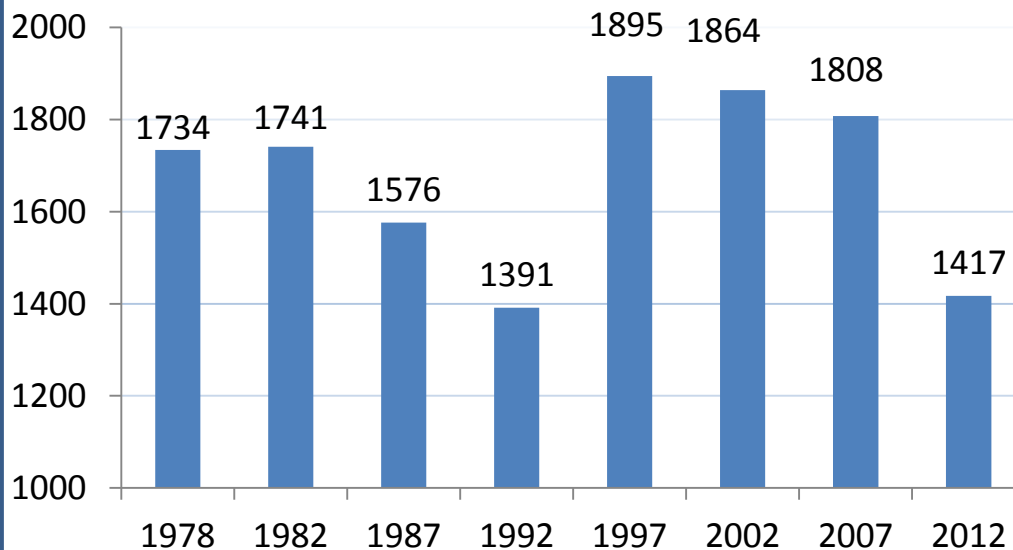
- 3,678 jobs, 8.6% of county's workforce
- \$184.7 million in income (wages, benefits, salaries), 6.9% of total income
- Multiplier effect – every \$1.00 of ag income generates another \$0.70 in county income
- \$551 million in economic activity, 10% of county's economic activity
  - (Direct sales of farm products, purchased inputs, business to business sales, etc.)

In 2012 the number of farms declined by 22% and acres in farms declined by 13%. Statewide, the number of farms declined 11%, and land in farms 4%.

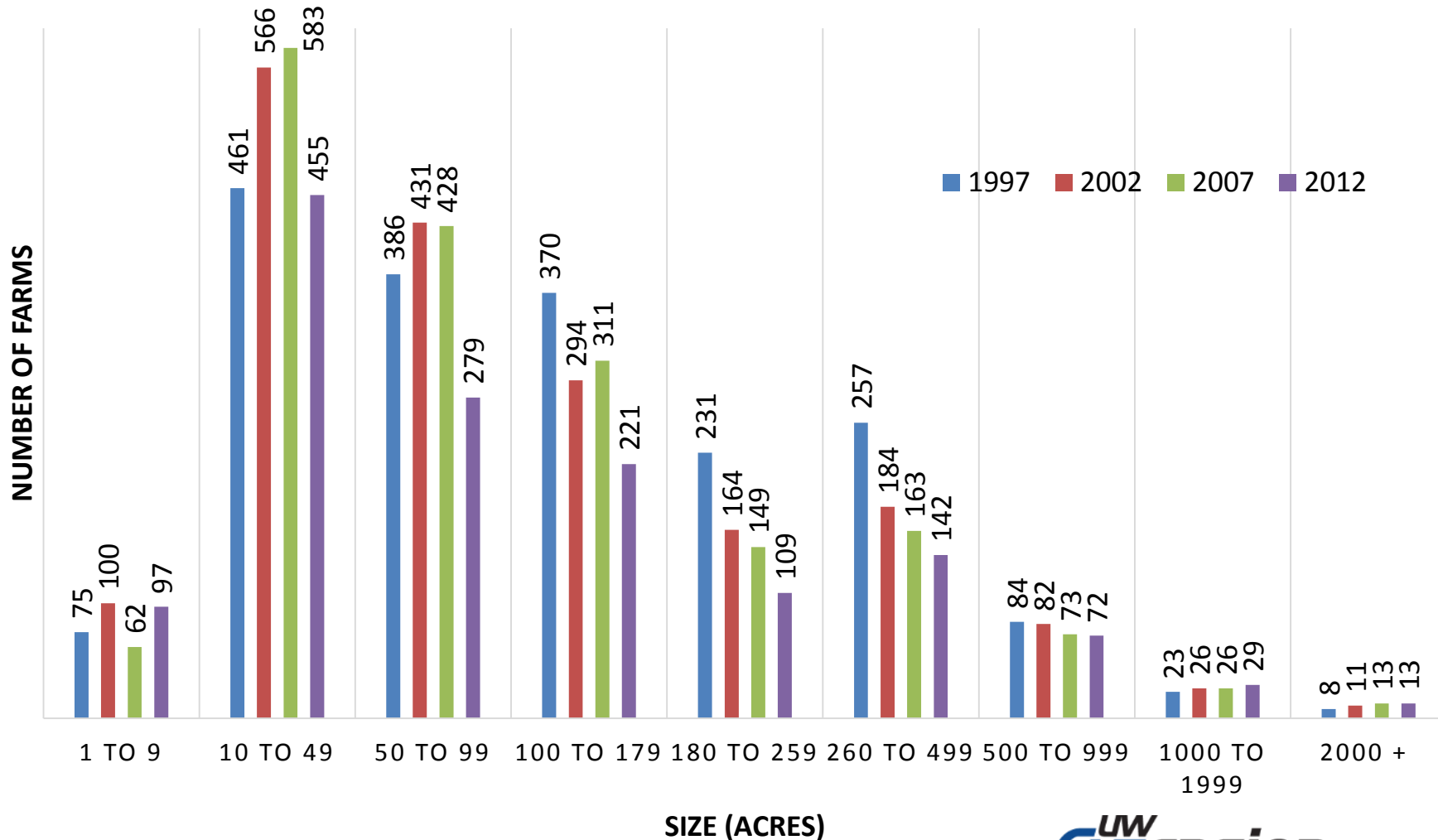
**Total Acres in Farms**



**Number of Farms**

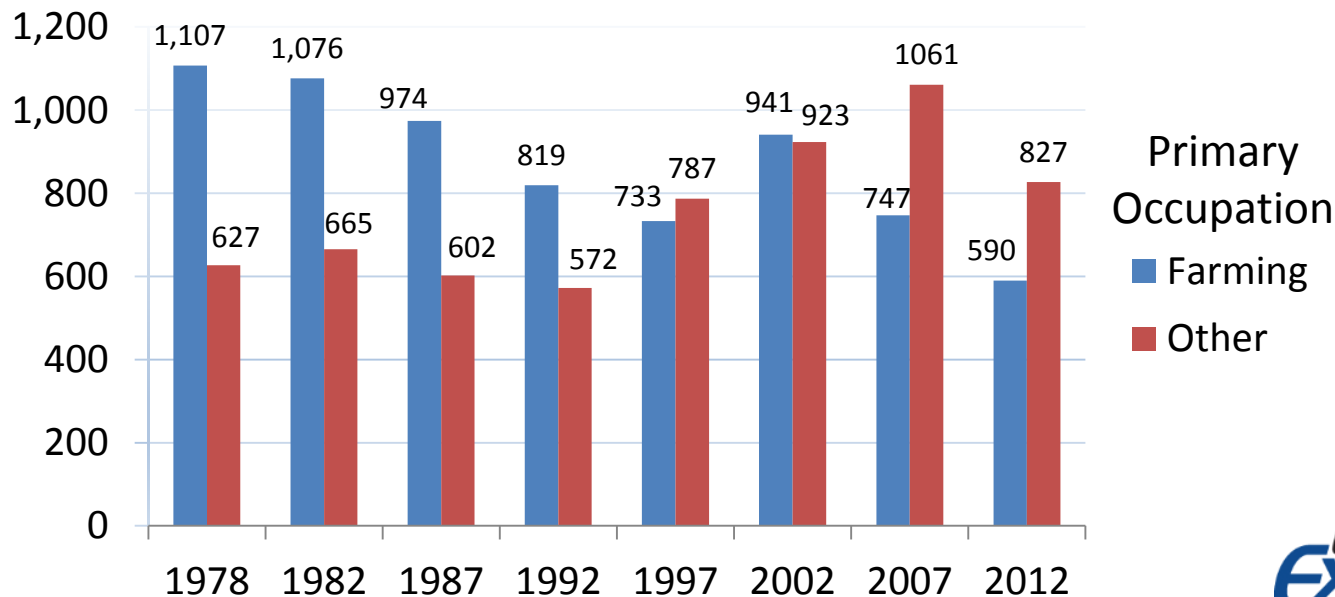
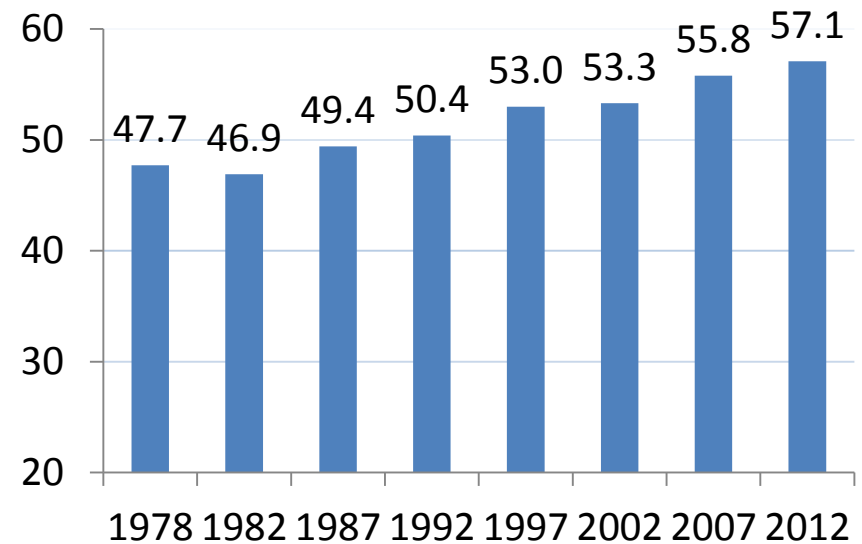


The average farm size in 2012 was 189 acres. The general trend has been a divergence towards more smaller, and more larger acreages, with fewer mid sized.

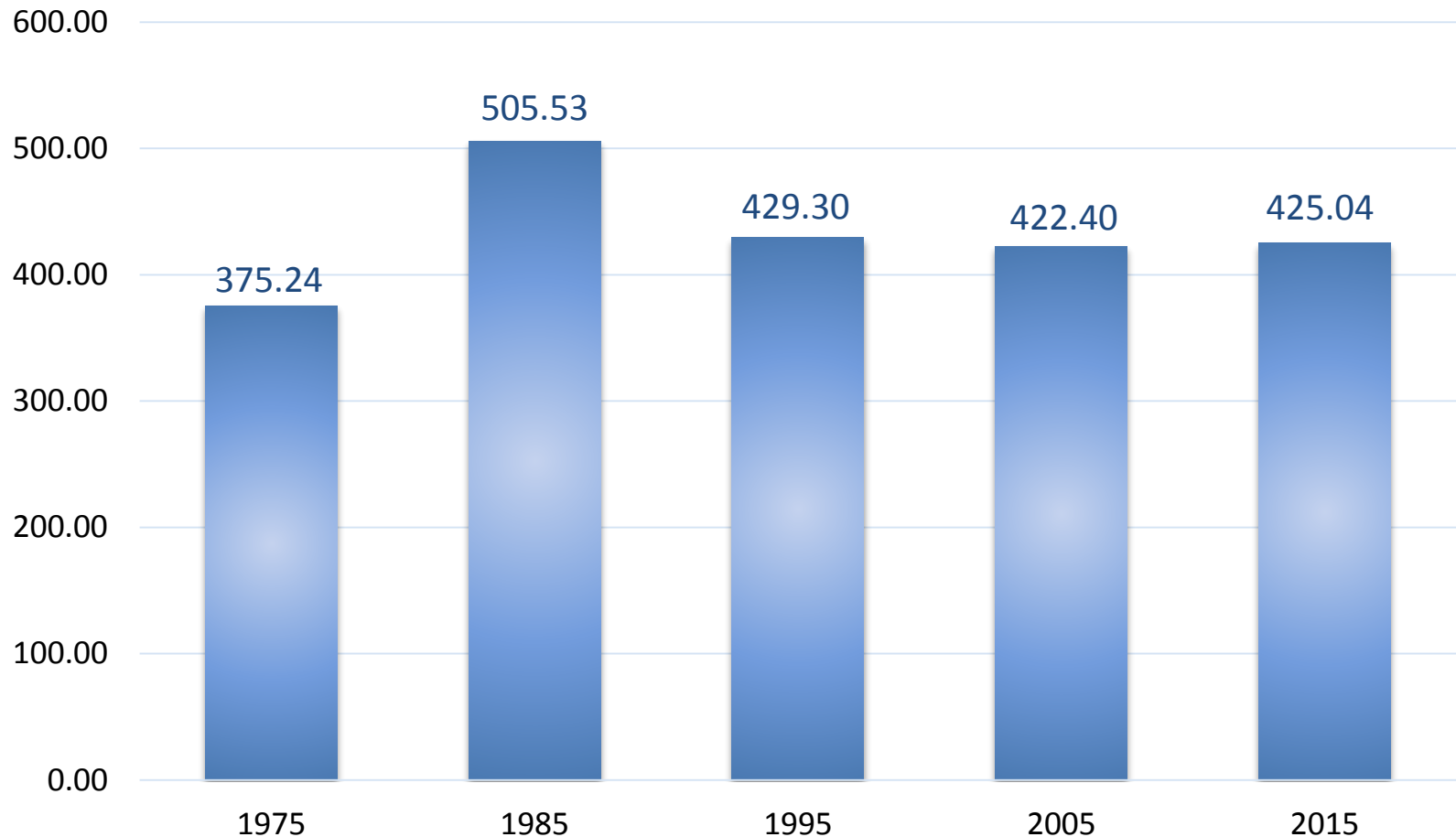


There is a shift to more part-time and fewer full time farmers. Average age of the principal farm operator is growing older in St. Croix County. Statewide, the average age is 56.5 and primary occupation is 50% farming.

**Average age in years**

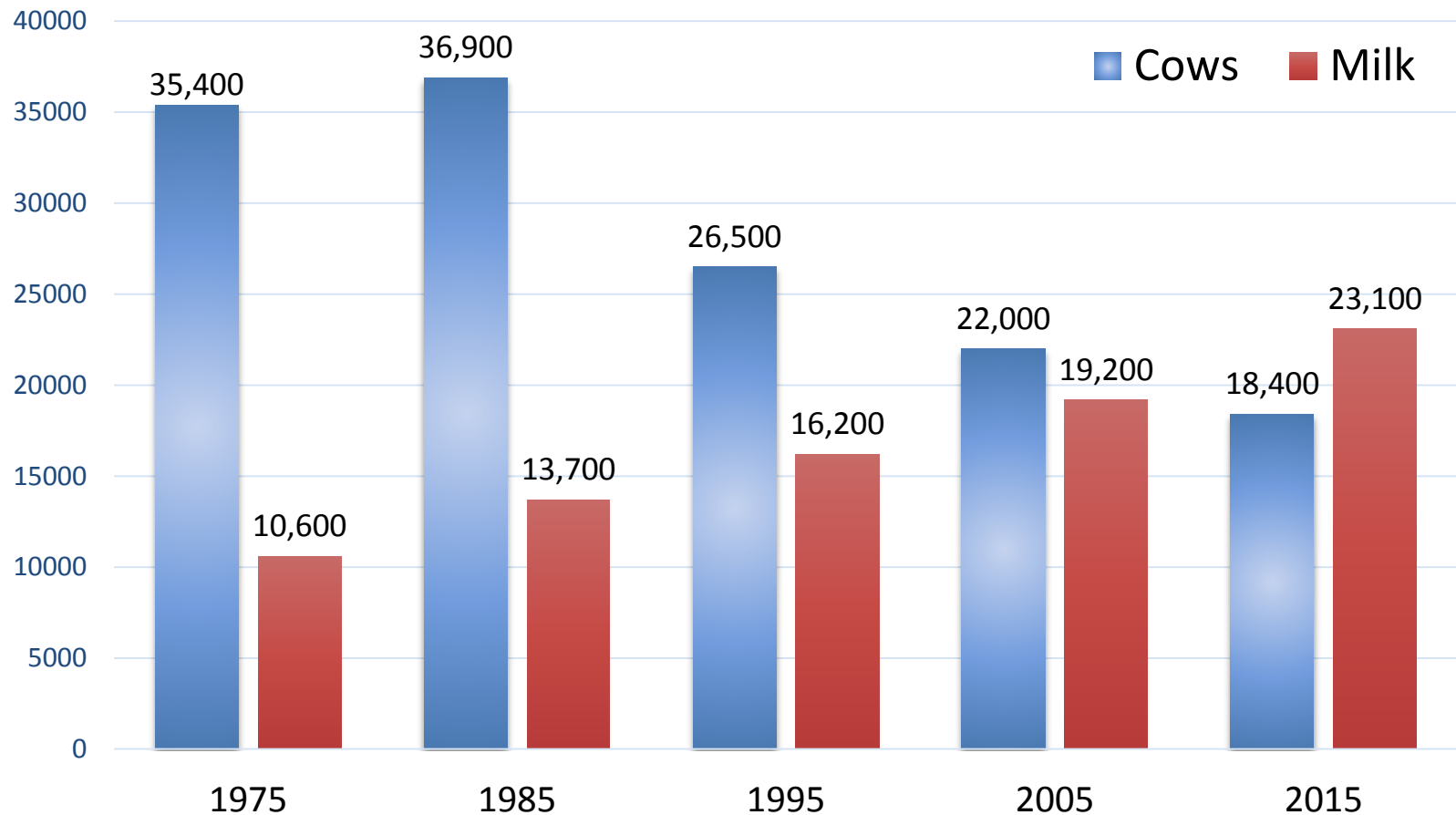


Total milk production (million lbs)  
for St. Croix County has been relatively stable, with small  
declines through the 2000's. 2012-13 production dipped below  
4 million lbs, recovering the loss in 2014-15.

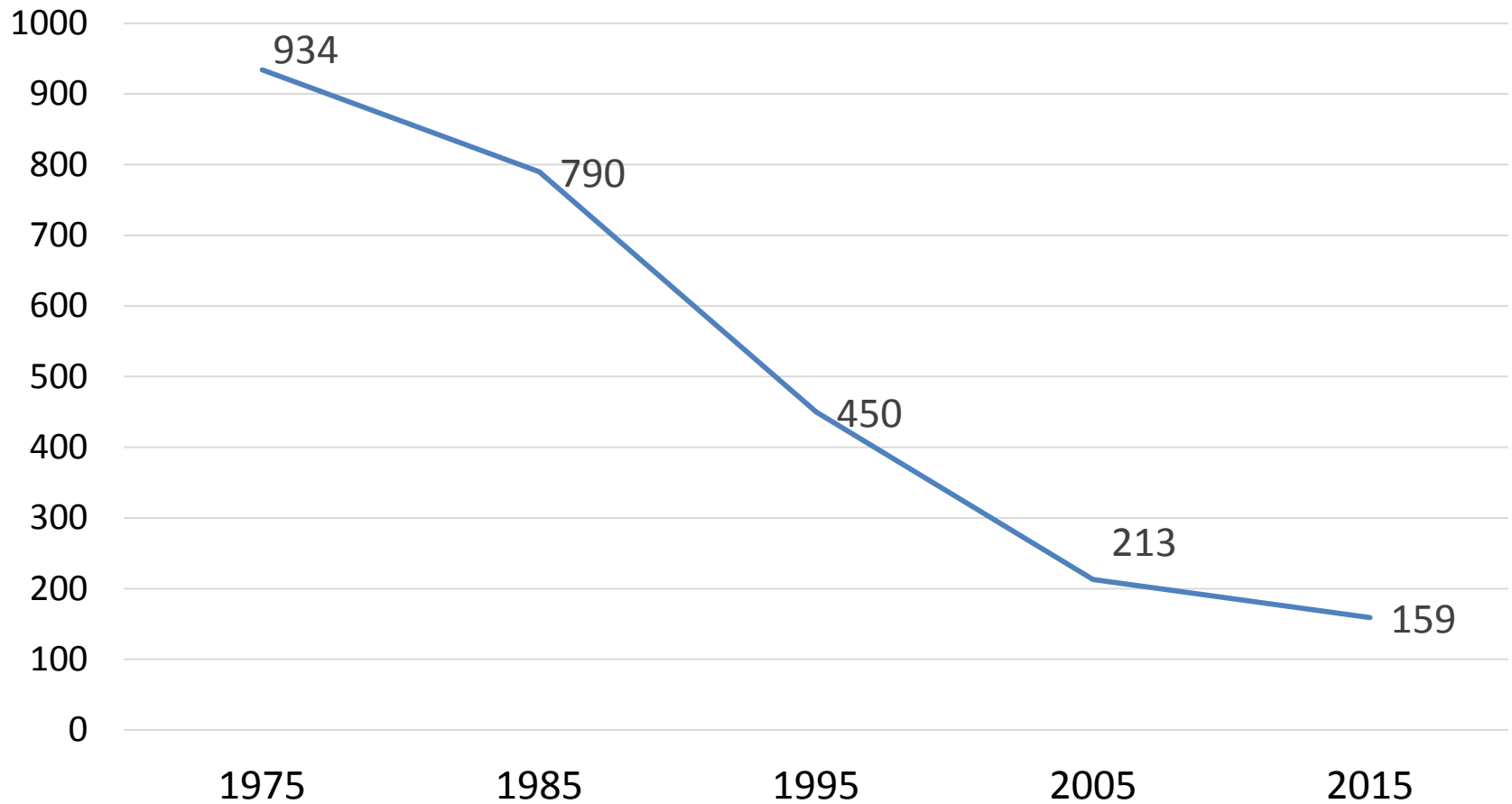




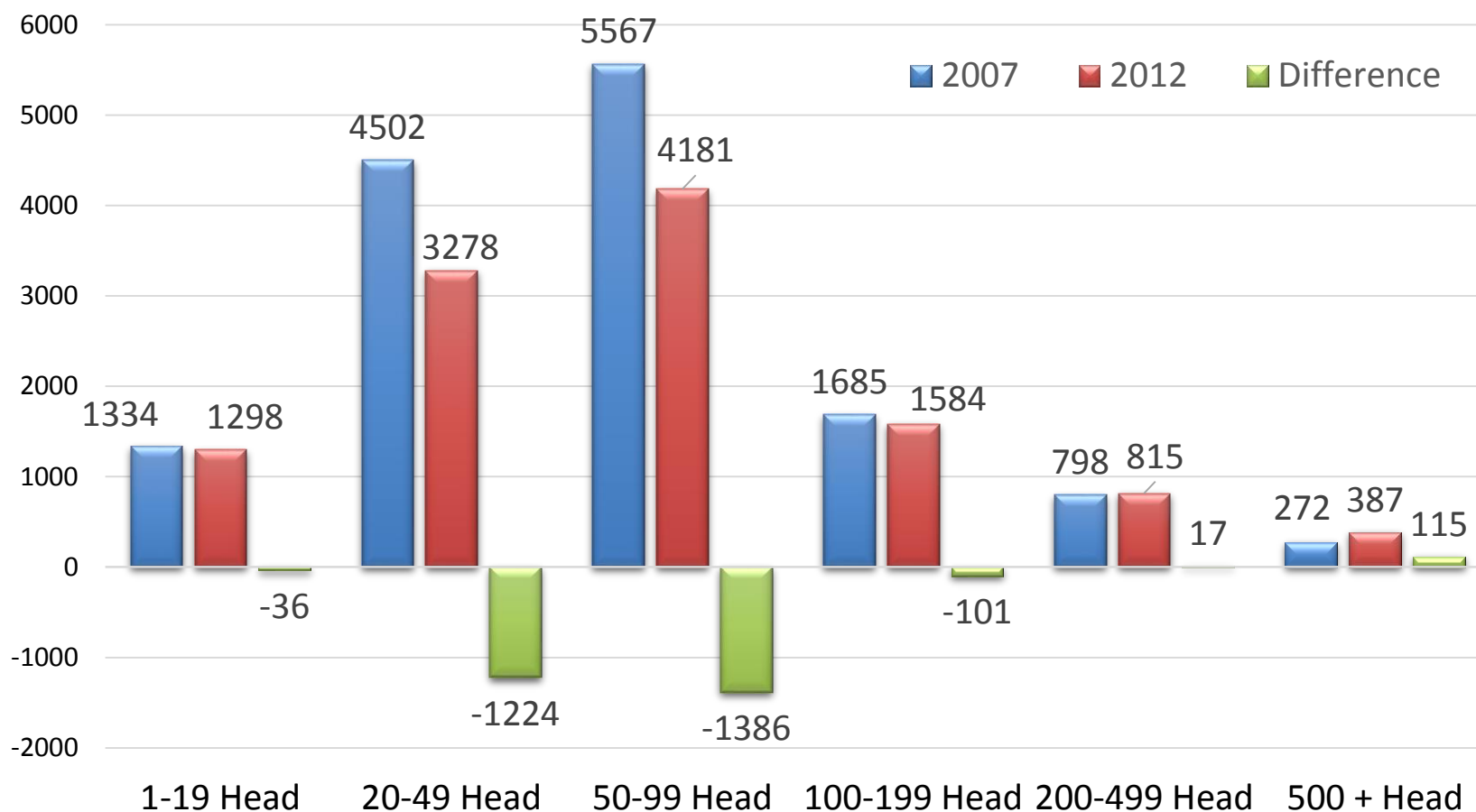
Since the '80s dairy cow numbers have been declining. Milk production per cow (lbs/year) has been increasing, offsetting the decrease in cow numbers.



The number of dairy farms in St. Croix County has been decreasing, albeit the pace slowed between 2005 and '15.



Statewide data is available for numbers of herds by size. Mid-sized herds are the most predominant, but there is growth in larger herd sizes.





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WPT University Place  
Zen Miller Presentation  
Dairy Modernization and CAFO's

<http://wpt.org/University-Place/concentrated-animal-feeding-operations>